

of it have been addressed by Senator Lamb and Senator Vickers. A point I would like to make is that I believe since we have had 994 and there is the new procedures taking place, new reevaluations of curricula by the Department of Education, that there seems to be some hesitance on their part as to whether they would credit the schools for these hours on a biannual basis. So I believe it behooves us who represent the districts that have these high schools that we speak for them through statute here and establish this procedure this way. Thank you.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you. The next speaker is Senator Higgins and then Senator Remmers following her. Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Madam Chairman, I simply rise to call the question. But if Senator Remmers wants to speak, well, then I would withdraw it.

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Remmers.

SENATOR REMMERS: Madam Chairman and members of the Legislature, thank you, Senator Higgins. Just briefly I want to rise in support of this amendment. I believe most of you by now know that I don't like to see the Legislature get too deeply involved in this type of an issue. I feel we have the State Department of Education and the State Board of Education and I am just very reluctant to get too far involved in this type of thing. But I think this is a good amendment. We have...basically, it will be a big help to the small schools. Now some of the small schools probably could combine with the larger ones. But we have areas in the State of Nebraska where the schools are going to remain small and we have to do some things to adjust to those situations. I think if you get out in the areas like Hyannis, you can see that you are not going to have a very large number of students to deal with. But I think you might be surprised how often some of the larger schools will use this same feature. I think it is a very good amendment and with the provisions that were included in it that the sequence of courses, I don't see how anyone should have any objection to the bill and I would urge you to support that amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Lamb, you may close.